

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner required restriction, under 35 U.S.C. 121, to one of the following inventions:

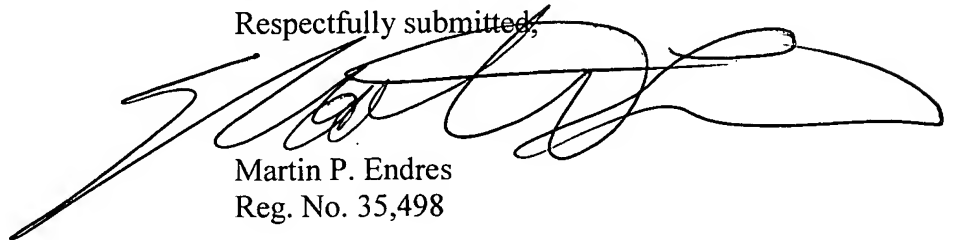
- I. Claims 1-23, drawn to a multilayered pharmaceutical dosage form comprising at least one proton pump inhibitor and at least one antacid layer classified in class 424, subclass 472.
- II. Claim 24, drawn to a method for preparing a multi-layer pharmaceutical tablet formulation, classified in class 424, subclass 472.
- III. Claim 25, drawn to a method for preparing a multi-layered pharmaceutical capsule dosage formulation, classified in class 424, subclass 472.
- IV. Claims 26-28, drawn to a method for providing concurrent therapy of gastrointestinal disorders, classified in class 514, subclass 310.

Although Applicants believe that the restriction requirement is incorrect, especially with respect to Groups I, II and III, Applicants hereby elect Group I without traverse in order to expedite prosecution. Therefore, Applicants have withdrawn the claims in Groups II, III and IV.

In light of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims as amended in the present application are in proper form for allowance.

An early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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